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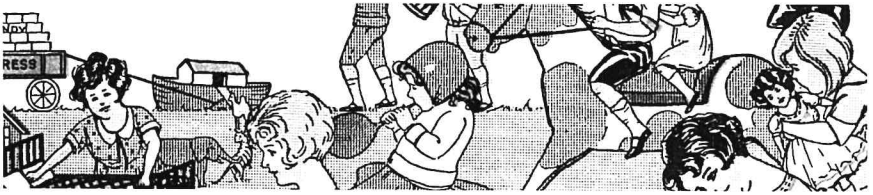

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Sir Gregor von Münchhausen and Lady Monika the Fair
Baron and Baroness of al-Barran

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Lady of May.....Lady Astridr Halfdanardottir

Outlandish Blade.....Lord Óengus mac Conchobhair

Flower of Chivalry.....Don Charles Robert Blackstone

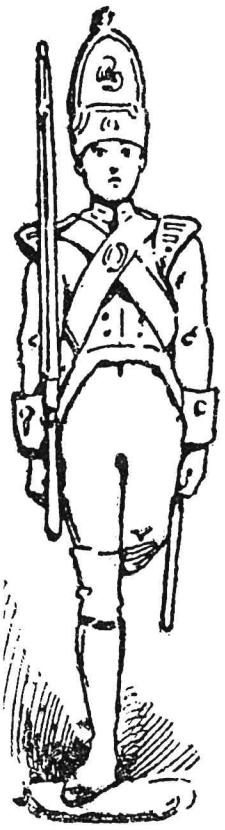
Rapier Flower of Chivalry.....Don Govanen Blackwell

Bard of al-Barran.....Godfrey Tancredsquire
Protector of the Baroness's Heart.....Kendrick MacPherson

Champion Archer.....Lord Djurig von Aukring known as Druid

Baronial Arts and Science Champion.....Uasal Óengus au Faeláin

From the Baron & Baroness



Greetings to the Barony of al-Barran! We have had several officer positions open and filled over the last couple of months. We would like to Thank everybody who threw their names into the hat for these positions. It is great to see so much interest in the Barony. If you are interested in a position within the Barony, there are still opportunities for Deputies and event coordinators. Please contact us if you are interested and we will try to help.

We would like to welcome Sir Seth Williamson of Exeter, the incipient Baronial Seneschal, and m'Lady Bevin, the incipient baronial List Mistress. Please give these gentles all of the support that you are able and help them settle into their new positions once they assume their duties. These gentles will be assuming their offices this month.

This month brings The Mask Ball of Enchantment, The Day of Arts and Sciences and Toys for Tots. These all promise to be quite exciting! Dancing the night away at the masked ball, arts and sciences galore and fighting for the benefit of the children; there is something for everybody at these events, please come and join us!

Midwinter is coming up. The feast promises to be wonderful. Please make your reservations early to ensure that you are able to partake of this Viking Feast.

Congratulations to Seale inghean Roibeard for becoming the new Outlands Mistress of the Lists and to Sir Dennis the Wright for becoming the new Kingdom Earl Marshall. Once again the populous of al-Barran shows its willingness to help and ensure that we all have fun in this Grand Anachronism.

War is around the corner. Once again, make sure your equipment is ready and that your weapons of art and war are prepared for the festivities! We are still in need of people to help with tabards for WAR. If you would be able to help with any aspect of these, please let Us know as soon as possible. Thank you! Play and travel safe!
In Service,

Gregor **Baron** *Monika* **Baroness**

From the Chronicler

I've gotten some wonderful feedback on the Shaft. Take a look:

"I really like the format of the new shaft and the way you did my article to make it look pretty, you are doing a great job and I am sure the November shaft will be even better. I can't wait to see next month's Centerfold!"

--Lady Cristin

"Great look on the shaft this month! I especially enjoyed the whimsy in the middle. Kudos to the new chronicler. It's a hard job with lots of work. Great start!

--Cailte

Keep the comments and suggestions coming and thank you for the warm welcome into this position.

Lady Teresa MacDuffie

Court Dancing

Court Dance practices at fighter practice will be November 4 and 18 at Bataan Park, from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Everyone, age 7 and up is welcome at our court dance practices. There is also a Blaiddwyn Court Dance Masked Ball on Friday, November 16 from 6:30-9:30pm in the SUB at UNM. Court dance practice at Blaiddwyn is led by Lady Dovey on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings at the SUB at UNM. Bataan Park is at the NW corner of Lomas and Carlisle.

For more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Jayne at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Music and Court Dance discussion list by going to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/

This free yahoo discussion list will give you the latest information concerning dance practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber

From the Champion Archer

The last weekend of September we held our first local archery event at Cedro Peak in al-Barran's east mountains. Since this was our first time autocrating an event there were many uncertanties which became the basis for naming the event Nock on Wood.

In spite of all that seemed to go wrong, it all turned out just right. The weather was warm and sunny except for a little rain Saturday afternoon that moistened the forest enough for us to have a nice camp fire for the bardic. Due to some legal technicalities we couldn't set up our range on site so Archery was held at Master Tore's place only a few minutes drive away.

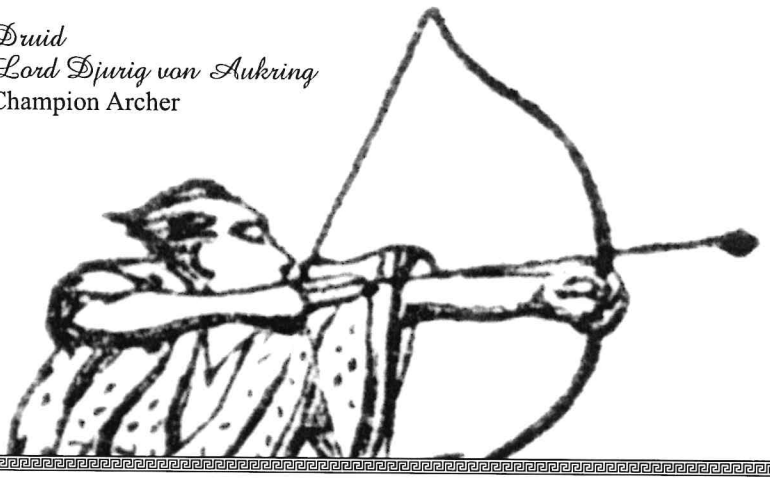
Two Royal Rounds were marshaled by Lady Lynnea

A Thread the Needle competition was marshaled also by Lady Lynnea - Winner: Ia of Basil. The prize was a fine bow stand made by Master Stefan. An ax throwing competition was devised and marshaled by Don Oengus au Failyn. His Excellency Sir Gregor von Munchhausen demonstrated excellent ax throwing skills and was bested only by Don Oengus who won the contest.

Master Gunwalt engaged the younger gentles in a game of Cub that occupied them through the warm sunny autumn afternoon. We had a magnificent pot luck feast. The main course was Master Stefan's smoked brisket (courtesy of the Barony of al-Barran).

Mistress Beau Marishka and Master Gunwalt kept us entertained the rest of the evening with a fun bardic circle. The late rising moon gave us a dark and gloomy evening, great for a campfire, then about midnight the forest was set aglow with the silvery light of the bright full moon.

Druid
Lord Djurig von Aukring
Champion Archer



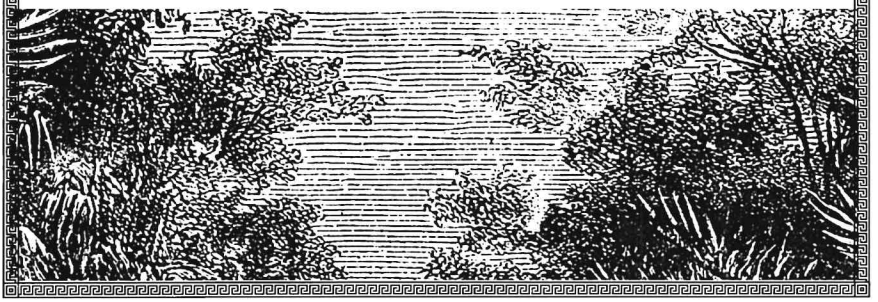
The Curious Quill: Shakespear Plants

By Jacquette du Champ

In the literature of Shakespeare, gardens were a must. Gardens and the plants within them have always been essential to mankind. They were the perfect place for lovers' trysts, evil plots to be laid and conversations to occur that would be overheard leading to misunderstandings. Gardens were also popular for games and gatherings. The plants within the gardens have always been used to illustrate ideas. The Medlar tree's (in the pear family) fruit is only edible when it rots and splits open. This is alluded to in Romeo and Juliet: "Now will he sit under a medlar tree , and wish his mistress were that kind of fruit…". Heartsies (pansies) were gathered by Puck in Midsummer Nights Dream to wash peoples eyes with so they fell in love with the first person they looked upon. Rosemary stands for remembrance and loyalty. Today people attending Shakespearean festivals still wear a sprig of rosemary to honor the great bard. In the next few Baronial Shaft issues I would like to share my love of medieval plants with you.

"The forward violet thus did I chide
Sweet thief, whence didst thou steal thy sweet that smells
Which on thy soft cheek for complexion dwells
In my love's veins thou hast too grossly dy'd.
The lily I condemned for thy hand,
And buds of marjerom had stl'n thy hair:
The roses fearfully on thorns did stand,
One blushing shame, another white despair;
A third, nor red nor white, had stol'n of both
And to his robb'ry had annex'd thy breath,
But for his theft in pride of all his growth
A vengeful canker eat him up to death.
More flowers I noted, yet I none could see
But sweet or color it had stol'n from thee."

-- Shakespeare: Sonnet 99



The New Laurel

By Jacquette du Champ

The Laurel is one of the orders of great merit within the SCA. The Crown awards this peerage after consulting with the Order's members. Attaining excellence in skill and/or knowledge in some area of the Arts and Sciences, enriching the kingdom by sharing knowledge and skills, and setting an example of courteous and noble behavior are some of the corporate requirements for admittance to the Order of the Laurel.

Ymanya Murray truly embodies these attributes. Her talent in calligraphy and illumination is outstanding. Her scrolls seem to have stepped out of a medieval monastery where monks spent hours laboring. They are coveted by anyone receiving an award.

Ymanya holds a weekly "traveling" calligraphy class, in which she willingly works with an assortment of students. Her ready smile and sparkling laughter add fun to evenings spent crouched over vellum and quill. Her patience with the smudges, spacing issues, spelling mistakes accompanied by curses (never hers) and the occasional small animal attack is amazing. She can fix just about any mistake.

Ymanya is a 13th century Scottish persona. Her father, a Norwegian sailor, gave her Viking tendencies. Her mother, Mistress Bennet Murray, is thrilled to be taking on the role of Chatelaine for Their Royal Majesties, Alrik and Slaine.

Ymanya began playing the SCA when she was six years old. Her first event was a Pennsic Pity Party in Glenn Medonach. She grew up in the Shire of Kahlland, where she was Arts and Sciences Minister as well as Hospitaller. She moved to al-Barran where she has held a variety of offices including: Blaiddwyn Hospitaller, Deputy Baronial Scribe for al-Barran and Deputy Kingdom Scribe. She now holds the office of Kingdom Scribe.

The new Laurel says her favorite event was Challenge of the Sands in Kahlland. She prefers the smaller events where people can visit and get to know each other. In the mundane world she is known as Amanda Snodgrass. Originally from Hobbs, she moved to Albuquerque for college. She is a Doctor of Pharmacy who enjoys period games and collects Pocket Dragons.

Congratulations Mistress Ymanya!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS
4 - Fighter & Rapier Practice - Court Dance Practice	**5** - Gammer Gurton's Needle - Blaiddwyn Bellydance Practice	**6** - Blaiddwyn Populace Meeting	**7** - Scribes' Workshop - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	
11 - Fighter & Rapier Practice	**12**	**13**	**14** - Scribes' Workshop - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	
18 - Fighter & Rapier Practice - TOYS FOR TOTS	**19** - Gammer Gurton's Needle - Blaiddwyn Bellydance Practice	**20** - Citizen's Meeting	**21** - Scribes' Workshop - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	
26 - Fighter & Rapier Practice - Court Dance Practice	**27**	**28**	**29** - Scribes' Workshop - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	

DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD L

Email your event to chronicler@al-

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'DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 - Westside Fighter Practice - Archery Practice
8	9	10 - Archery Practice
15	16 - Weaving Knowledge - MASK BALL OF ENCHANTMENT	17 - Westside Fighter Practice - Archery Practice - DAY OF A&S
22	23 - ARTICLES & ARTWORK DUE FOR BARIONAL SHAFT	24 - Archery Practice
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NOVEMBER

16 The Mask Ball of Enchantment

17 Al-Barran A&S Champion Competition and A Day of A & S

18 Toys for Tots*

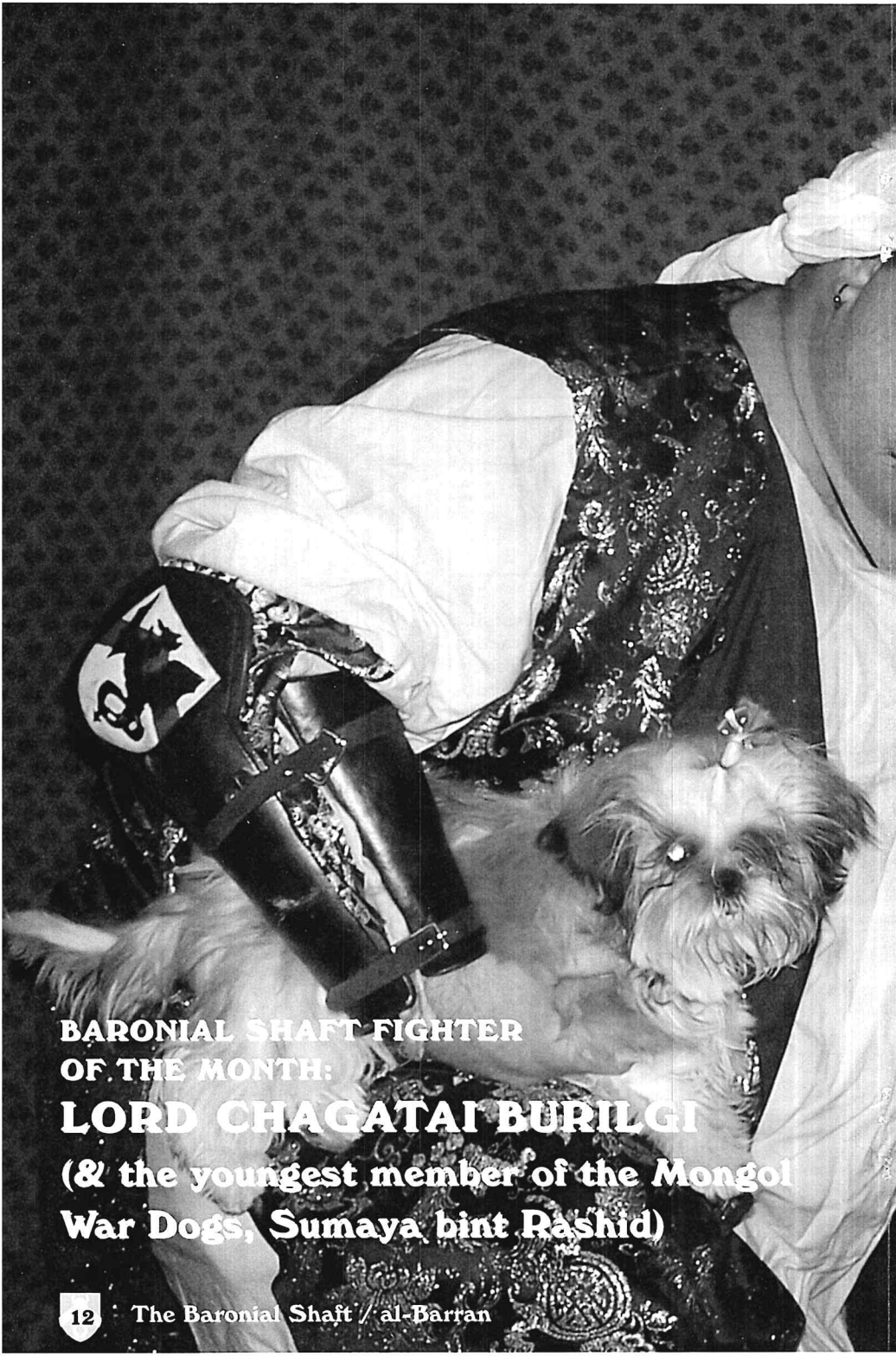
DECEMBER

1 Scorpions Hockey Demo

15 al-Barran Midwinter*

*** ATTENDED BY ONE OR BOTH OF THEIR EXCELLENCES**

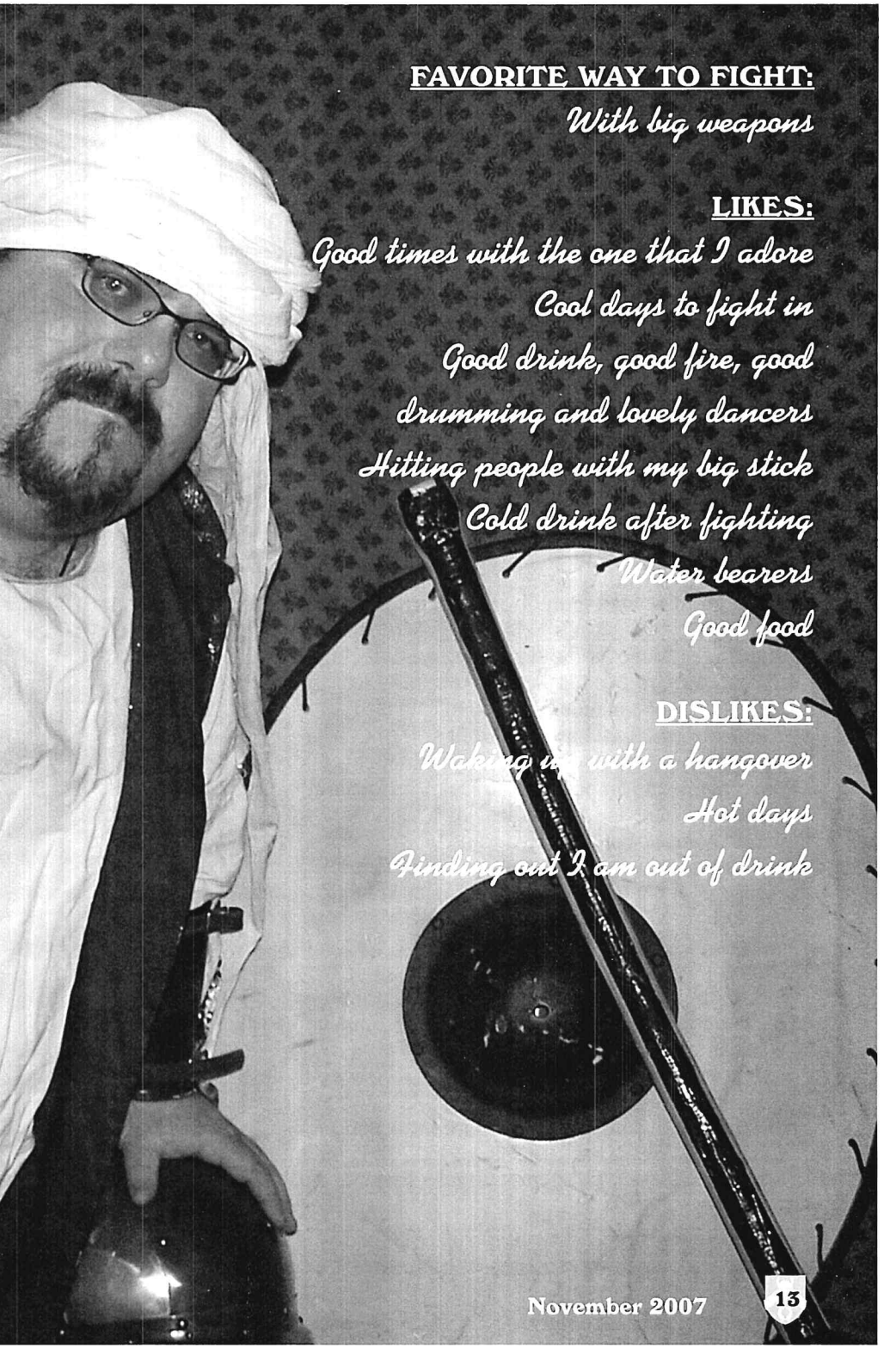
WE ARE CURRENTLY UPDATING THE BARONIAL DIRECTORY, PLEASE SEND ANY UPDATES TO CHRONICLER@AL-BARRAN.ORG TO BE INCLUDED.



BARONIAL SHAFT FIGHTER OF THE MONTH:

LORD CHAGATAI BURILGI

(& the youngest member of the Mongol War Dogs, Sumaya bint Rashid)



FAVORITE WAY TO FIGHT:

With big weapons

LIKES:

Good times with the one that I adore

Cool days to fight in

Good drink, good fire, good drumming and lovely dancers

Hitting people with my big stick

Cold drink after fighting

Water bearers

Good food

DISLIKES:

Waking up with a hangover

Hot days

Finding out I am out of drink

Regular Activities

Blaiddwyn Dance Practice: Every Monday starting at 6:00pm outside Carlisle Gym. We alternate between court dance and belly dance. The first and third Monday is court dance. Bring a drum on the second and forth Monday for belly dance. Contact: Lady Dovey by email at alzarqa13@yahoo.com.

Blaiddwyn Populace Meeting: 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00pm at the Frontier Restaurant across from UNM at Central and Cornell. All are welcome to this business meeting for the College. Contact: Lord Rab, 362-6032 or by email at sca@unm.edu.

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Gammer Gurton's Needle: The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. GGN meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR THL Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.

al-Barran Youth Team: This team meets to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents in al-Barran. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers. To join this free yahoo discussion list, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents/ Please contact Lady Jayne Barber at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 for additional information.

Scribes' Workshop: Learn the art of Calligraphy and Illumination. Scribes gather weekly at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Location is the workshop of Baron Sebastian and THL Alexandra. Please call ahead (256-1906) for directions and to make sure the workshop will be held that night.

Intro to Bellydancing for Timid Folk: Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at 410 Columbia SE. Contact Lady Saeloman at 265-5319 or spitfiyre@yahoo.com for more information.

Citizens Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE,

Albuquerque, NM. Directions: Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. Contact: seneschal@al-barran.org.

Fighter Practice: Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. Contact:THL Chinua, 220-3136.

Rapier Practice: Sunday afternoons at Bataan Park; the park is on the northside of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. Contact: Ld. JT Whoreschum, 304-3391.

Westside Fighter Practice: First and third Saturdays from 11am to 1pm and Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm at Snead Park in Rio Rancho. Directions: Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course. Go north on Golf Course to Southern and turn left. Turn right on Nicklaus and go 2 blocks to Casper. Turn left on Casper and go 2 blocks to Snead Loop. The park is half way down on the left. Contact: Sir Chinua (knightmarshal@al-barran.org) or Aimara Baratzuri (aheartgule@gmail.com).

Archery Practice: Held on every Saturday of each month, at 10 am. Wednesday night practices beginning at 6:30 pm are held every other week. Saturday practice range is at Sir Tore's land in the east mountains. Wednesday practice range is at Sir Stefan's home in town. Contact: Lady Lyneya del Filde for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org.

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice: Held on Wednesdays starting at 7:00 pm. Fighter practice is held on Johnson Field. Directions: Go west from Redondo and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM
Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm. Contact: Josh, the Blaiddwyn Knight Marshal, by email at kobbie44d@msn.com.

Newcomers Household Meeting: Held at 2830 Florida NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T-tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. Contact THL Christopher Blackwood at 872-2994.

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops: Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. Contact: Lady Monika at 323-5569 for more information and directions.

The Mask Ball of Enchantment

The College of Blaiddwyn
November 16, 2007
6:00pm - 9:30pm

Greetings One and All,

The College of Blaiddwyn would like to invite you to join us in a celebration of wonder and magic with the Mask Ball of Enchantment. Let us welcome new friends and old friends alike who wish to be a part of our medieval experience through the arts of music and ballroom dance, with a hint of mystery of who lies behind the mask.

The festivities will take place on Friday, November 16th from 6pm-9:30pm. There will be prizes for the best mask in several different categories, best scary mask, best enchantment mask, best medieval mask and best Blaiddwyn themed mask. There will refreshments and drinks provided.

This site is **VERY DRY**. No outside drink or food permitted.

Respectfully In Service
Lady Natal'ia Mechislavova
Mask Ball Autocrat

Directions:
Follow your best route to the I25 and Central exit. Travel east on Central until you get to Yale , turn left unto UNM campus make your first right to the parking garage. There are additional parking structures located off of Central and Yale and there is limited street parking across from UNM. The SUB is the 2nd building on the left from the parking garage. Take the elevator or the stairs to the 3rd floor to Ballroom A. Look for SCA signs.

Al-Barran Arts and Sciences Champion Competition /A Day of A & S

Saturday November 17, 2007
8:30am until 3:30pm
Albuquerque Christian School
7201B Montgomery Blvd NE Albuquerque NM 87109
Site is **Very DRY**
Adult members $5 or new toy
Adult nonmembers $8 or new toy
and $3 nonmember charge
Youth 6yrs-17yrs $3 or new toy
Youth 0-5yrs FREE
Checks can be made out to: **SCA al-Barran**

The time is near for Her Excellency Monika the Fair, Baroness of al-Barran, to choose a new Arts and Sciences Champion for the mighty barony of al-Barran!! Prepare your greatest works of art! Come show one and all the fierce number of talented artisans we have here in al-Barran! Documentation is not required but is encouraged to improve your chances. Be Fun and Creative when preparing your display for Her Excellency Monika. The only requirement for entry into the competition is a current paid subscription to the Baronial Shaft. The subscription and list for entry will be open from 9am until 11am. Judging will begin at 11am.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: Find best route to the intersection of Montgomery and Louisiana. Just East of Louisiana about 1 block, school is on the north side of Montgomery. (Across from Shoes on a Shoestring)

Come One! Come All! During the Arts and Sciences Champion Competition there will be many classes for all ages to attend along with games and good times in a commons area. A donation lunch will be served.

We need wonderful happy volunteers to help run Gate, sign up subscriptions for the Shaft, games tables, set up, clean up and serve lunch. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering at this great event!

Autocrat for Champion Competition and a Day of A & S:
Bevin mka Suzanne Pressley,
(505)296-2581 or by email hipptatt77@yahoo.com
No calls after 9pm Please! **(See schedule on the next page)**

A Day of Arts and Sciences in al-Barran
Schedule of Classes

9:00am-9:50am
Persian Dress with Beibhinn
Nalbinding with Lady Gytha Karlsdotter ***
an al-Barranian Scriptorium with Mistress Monika von Zell
Card Weaving Techniques with Baroness Monika the Fair
TBA
10am-10:50am
***Nalbinding continued
Basic pick-up technique for Inkle weaving with Lady Bianca Mantegna (2hrs)***
(Bring your bare loom and a small crochet hook(size 6-9))
Embroidery for Wimps and Beginners (fighters welcome) with Lady Viviana Rowe
Intro to Scroll Layout with THLady Brighid
Basic Kumihimo Weaving with THLady Renee Nix of Livingstone
11am-11:50am
Inkle weaving continued with Lady Bianca Mantegna
A&S Competition Documentation 101 with THLady Maimuna
Lamellar Armour: Brief History/Constructtion Methods with Sir Chinua
Early 15th c. French Headwear with Mistress Tana
Modern Patterns as Medieval style with Lady Solveig
Noon - 1pm LUNCH
1pm-1:50pm
Flirtation in Court Dancing with Lady Dovey
European Women's Undergarents of the 16th c. with THLady Emery de Fittun
Construction of Puzzle Furniture with THLord Llywus ap Alan
Stick Weaving with Lady Bianca Mantegna
Period Foods with Mistress Monika von Zell
2pm-2:50pm
Renaissance Surgery with THLady Emery de Fittun
Eat Like a Conquistador with THLady Theresa Cabeza de Vaca
Decorate your Puzzle Furniture with Lady Elanor
Loom Weaving with Baroness Monika the Fair
Beginning Heraldry: basics for names and devices with Lady Natasha
3pm Closing Court

Al-Barran Toys for Tots Tourney

Bataan Memorial Park
3401 Lomas Blvd • Albuquerque, NM 87106
Sunday November 18th 2007
10am-4pm
Entrance to tourneys and site is a **new unwrapped toy**,
If making monetary donation for purchase of toys,
please make checks payable to SCA Inc / al-Barran
Site is **DRY**

Greetings Generous Outlanders! Their Excellencies of al-Barran, Sir Gregor and Lady Monika, and myself, Lady Cristin, wish all to come to this glorious event and support a wonderful cause. We continue to support our mighty King and his challenge to the Known world. Al-barran will be glorious in the hearts of children again this festive season and will show the known world our grand generosity. We will hold our traditional tournaments for our Toys for Tots champions both Heavy and Light. HRH Alarik Boleslavsson is our current Heavy weapons T4TChampion and Lord Michael M'Quillone is our current light weapons T4Tchampion. We look forward to a wonderful day filled with genourosity and fun. We have a most wonderful Prize table in the planning by Mistress Genevre, There will be high quality prizes for all who fight and help with this event, your generosity will be rewarded beyond anything you have witnessed before!

Also join us for a donation lunch provided by the wonderful talent of Lady Sile Inghean Duibh Darach.

Directions to Bataan Memorial Park: Take your best route to I-40 and Carlisle Blvd. Go south on Carlisle until you reach Lomas Blvd. Turn Right on Lomas and the park with be on your right hand side next to the Walgreens

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Scorpions Hockey Demo

Saturday, December 1, 2007
6:45pm
Santa Ana Star Casino

Good Greetings Unto the Good Gentles of al-Barran,

The Scorpions Hockey Club has once again partnered with the Barony of al-Barran in our quest to raise toys for Toys for Tots. On December 1, al-Barran has been invited to attend the Scorpions game, collect toys and host our traditional demo. It will be a fighting demo on a carpeted section of the ice between the periods as in years past. Tickets will be $13 each, instead of the usual $15.50, with $2 per ticket going to purchase toys. Purchase as many as you like, providing that all ticket holders wear garb and that we haven't sold out our allotment of 100.

First come, first serve. The game starts at 7:15 p.m. Please be on site by 6:45. If interested in buying tickets at the discounted rate, contact Lady Cristin at 453-1908. Be sure to leave a message.

This event provides the opportunity to raise more toys for needy children, promote the SCA and to see the Scorpions Hockey Team at a discounted rate. Attend this demo and let's show the world what we're made of.

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Midwinter and WAR Practice

Barony of al-Barran
Saturday, December 15 and Sunday, December 16, 2007
Site opens at 9 am and closes at 9 pm
Site fee is $18.00 for members and $21.00 for non-members
Site fee includes feast, no off-board seating
Midwinter held at Expo New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
WAR Practice held at Bataan Park, Albuquerque, NM

Come help celebrate the Twelve Days of Jule (Tolv Dagen Jul) with Baron Gregor and Baroness Monika. Feast on the finest delicacies of 10th century Norway in al-Barran's mead hall. Celebrate in the camaraderie sharing stories: the feats of daring and great deeds from the past year. A treat to the eyes will be provided with our great entertainers of al-Barran. Wandering carolers will sing sweetly around the hall. We will be holding a contest for the best boast or toast. Feast menu to follow soon on the website.

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Menu with ingredient list will be posted later on the Midwinter website and in following publications.

WAR practice is on the following day at Bataan Park, hosted by HE Gregor. We will have heavy and light weapons practice. Lunch will be available by the Poor Fighter Fund. Activities begin at 10 am.

Directions: Take I-25 to East bound I-40. Take exit 161A, southbound San Mateo. Drive 1.3 miles to Lomas, turn left (East) and drive 0.5 miles to San Pedro. Turn right(South) and drive 0.4 miles to the entrance to Expo New Mexico. Signs will guide you to the hall parking.

For reservations the Feast please email: . solveighakonsdottir@yahoo.com or call 505-830-9388

Merchants welcome! Please contact Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh kballar@unm.edu

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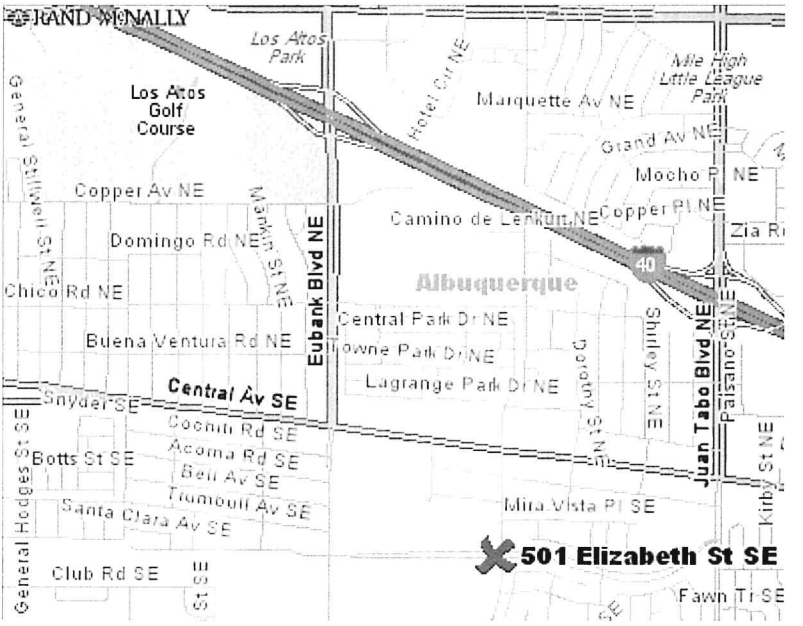
Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting is located at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be on November 20th. Please contact the Seneschal, Sir Seth Williamson of Exeter at seneschal@al-barran.org for further information.

Driving Directions:
Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue on Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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